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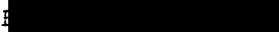
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1. In speeches to the inner circle of the German Administration of the Interior on 2 September 1948 and again on 6 September, President Kurt Fischer made references to the probable introduction of uniforms and military rank up to and including that of general. Fischer also spoke of the necessity for the future military training of the Russian Zone police force. He stated further that the black-red-gold flag (of the German Republic) would soon wave over the buildings of the German Administration of the Interior.
2. Three officials of Abteilung P (personnel) and three secretaries of the German Administration of the Interior were ordered to report to Fürstenwalde (V-33) on 7 September for three weeks' temporary duty. The reason given was that their services were necessary for the processing of 5,000 newly-arrived former prisoners-of-war from Russia.
3. The routine delivery of police uniforms to the Russian Zone police from the police warehouse of the German Administration of the Interior in Berlin-Pankow was ordered stopped on 7 September. Deliveries were to be diverted to Fürstenwalde. Comment: The above information may indicate a large-scale filling of police ranks with rank-and-file members of the Free Germany Committee. This is logical in view of the difficulties which have been encountered in finding personnel for the rapidly-expanding Soviet Zone police force.)

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